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Weekly Briefing for RA on West Lake for August 1, 2013

R7 Superfund Activities:

SUPR personnel visited the site on July 29 for a tour with Reps. Shimkus and Davis (IL). SUPR is reviewing the PRP's proposed subsurface investigation of the part of OU1 Area 1 where they propose to locate the contingent "firebreak" trench that would prevent the SSO in the Bridgeton Landfill from affecting OU1 Area 1. Ron H will coordinate with MDNR on how to incorporate EPA comments on these contingency plans. Contact: Dan Gravatt, 7324

Subsurface Smoldering Event (SSE):

Part 2 of the contingency plan required by the AGO Order was submitted to MDNR by Republic on July 26, 2013. It includes a workplan to delineate the extent of the radiological waste in Westlake OU1 for the purpose of placement of the isolation break at the northern edge of the north quarry. Republic is required to respond to MDNR's comments on Part 1 of the contingency plan by August 15, 2013. Contact: Don Toensing, 7446

ORD Subsurface Smoldering Event (SSE) analysis:

ORD is reviewing the monitoring data from the July 20 submission by Republic. The ORD staff have requested additional information on historical monitoring. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

ORD/USGS groundwater:

None to report.

Air Issues:

None to report.

Leachate Issues:

None to report.

Elected Officials:

None to report.

Missouri Coalition for the Environment/Local Action Group(s):

Letter received from MCE dated July 25 with additional questions concerning the site conditions. Letter entered into CMS assigned to Superfund. Response to be prepared in the next two weeks. Contact: Cecilia Tapia, 7733, Ron Hammerschmidt 7566

Media, press and social:

NEWS CLIPS THIS WEEK: Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

Belleville (Ill.) News-Democrat - EPA: Testing at West Lake Landfill continues - 7/31/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency continues testing at a suburban St. Louis landfill where radioactive waste is buried. Meanwhile, the EPA told KMOX Radio (<http://cbsloc.al/13ZaMt2>) that it is watching what happens at the Bridgeton Landfill that sits next to the radioactive waste. Underground smoldering at the Bridgeton Landfill is causing an odor problem in that area of St. Louis County.
<http://www.bnd.com/2013/07/31/2720377/epa-testing-at-west-lake-landfill.html>

KMOX-TV - Dooley: Nothing County Can Do About Burning Bridgeton Landfill - 7/31/13 - Bridgeton residents have been calling on state and federal agencies to put a stop to the underground fire at the Bridgeton Landfill but St. Louis County officials said Tuesday there is nothing they can do to mitigate the situation.
<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/07/31/dooley-nothing-county-can-do-about-burning-bridgeton-landfill/>

KMOX-TV - EPA Says It's Moving Ahead With West Lake Landfill Tests - 7/31/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency says it is continuing testing at the radioactive West Lake Landfill while also watching what is happening next-door at the smoldering Bridgeton Landfill.
<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/07/31/epa-says-its-moving-ahead-with-west-lake-landfill-tests/>

KSDK-TV - West Lake Landfill prayer vigil held - 7/31/13 - A prayer vigil was held Wednesday at West Lake Landfill. Franciscan Sisters of Mary marked the first truckload of radioactive waste dumped at the site 40 years ago Wednesday.
<http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/390691/3/Prayer-vigil-held-at-West-Lake-Landfill>

The Fresno Bee - EPA: Testing at West Lake Landfill continues - 7/31/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency continues testing at a suburban St. Louis landfill where radioactive waste is buried.
<http://www.fresnobee.com/2013/07/31/3416363/epa-testing-at-west-lake-landfill.html>

FUSRAP/COE/DOE :

DOE corrected info provided earlier to me: DOE has not yet sent a letter to the citizen who requested that the site become a FUSRAP site. Contact: Audrey Asher, 7255

OSWER/NRRB questions/issues:

None to report.

Health Issues:

July 31, 2013 Former contractor wants someone to pay for a full body scan since he dug wells at Westlake and did soil borings. He believes local TV anchor rather who told him wells were way over health safety levels. Contact: Denise Jordan-Izaguirre (ATSDR), 1310

Legal Issues:

PRP attorneys contacted me re their interest in participating in CAG, which is consistent with EPA CAG guidance. I will have follow up conversation with them after getting status report from OPA. Contact: Audrey Asher, 7255

Miscellaneous Items:

None to report.

Upcoming Events/Activities:

ORD brief to RA, TBD Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566